

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 106

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mrs. Edith Gurner on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edith Gurner will celebrate her 100th birthday on March 14, 2017, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gurner has led a long and exciting life, having survived the third deadliest tornado in history; and

WHEREAS, at 100 years young, she still loves to read, especially the Bible, Christian fiction, historical fiction, and mysteries, and is a long-time member and user of the Collierville Library; and

WHEREAS, a gifted conversationalist, Mrs. Gurner has an incredible sense of humor and is a fount of funny real-life stories; and

WHEREAS, she is an expert bridge, canasta, nine-hole, and poker player and enjoys playing bingo at the Powell Center; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mrs. Gurner is an active and longstanding member of Grace Evangelical Church and reads from the Bible daily; and

WHEREAS, she is also an active knitter with the Loving Stitches ministry at her church and loves gospel music; and

WHEREAS, she was joined in holy matrimony with Lewis Boston "Hicks" Gurner on March 27, 1938, in Brandon, Mississippi; the couple soon moved to Memphis and enjoyed more than forty-seven years together before Mr. Gurner's passing in 1989; and

WHEREAS, she is fortunate to share love and companionship with her daughters, Gail Tyler and Glenda Holbrook, and her son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Beth Gurner, with whom she has made her home for the past eight years; and

WHEREAS, to her six grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren she is simply "Amma"; and

WHEREAS, as she approaches her eleventh decade, Edith Gurner is still an active and productive member of society; she owns her own iPad, and until recently, she still drove herself around town, possessing a perfect driving record; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mrs. Edith Gurner on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.